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"I heard the voice of the Lord saying—
'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'
Then said I, 'Here am I send me.'"

Isaiah vi: 8.

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TO fight the battle of the cross, Christ's chosen ones are sent—
Good soldiers and great victors—a noble armament,
They use no earthly weapon, they know not spear nor sword,
Yet right and true and valiant is the army of the Lord.

The soul of every sinner is the victory they would gain;
They would bind each rebel heart in their Master's golden chain;
Faith is the shield they carry, and the two-edged sword they bear
Is God's—strongest, mightiest weapon, and they call it Love and Prayer.

MISS PROCTER.

Sunday 1

CAUSE me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee. Psalms cxliii: 8.

I know not what the New Year brings, nor would I seek to know—
Thy guidance Lord is what I seek; lead me where I should go,
Thou wilt be with me through the year, and this I ask to-day—
Teach me to know and do Thy will, and guide me all the way.

Monday 2

PRAYER is the instrument of the soul's access to God. It is the door through which Christ enters to dwell in the individual life. It is the path by which the Holy Spirit seeks admission and controls the servant of the Master.

Tuesday 3

Our Missionaries Testify to the Power of Prayer.

"'PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed.' It has many a time been a comfort to me when the burden has been too great to bear alone, and I could not go to God on my knees. And I am convinced that we lose many a blessing because we do not pray more."

Wednesday 4

"PRAYER seems to be the soul's window into heaven. The light comes through it. Warmth of love comes through it. Sweet visions of Christ come through prayer. Spiritual discipline and development comes by prayer. Faith flows from it. Courage is its fruit. Patience in discipline is born of it. By the experiences of prayer and its gracious empowerment, the servant of Christ realizes Paul's description of love. Under prayer we bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things."

Thursday 5

"ONLY through prayer can men beget the spirit of the victory that overcometh the world. If this be the individual experience, the general experience is the same, but intensified and verified by its wide expansion. The Church grows rich in its faith and love and holy efforts of charity and purpose, as its members grow into such united spiritual life through prayer."

Friday 6

"WE cannot live upon the prayers of other people, much as we need them and helpful as they are; each soul must come to God for himself."

Saturday 7

O LORD, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee. Is. xxv: 1.

Sunday 8

Prayer for "Our Country" That we May Look upon our Land as a Gift from God.

THY people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands that I may be glorified. Isaiah lx: 21.

Monday 9

For Progress in Christian Civilization.

FROM the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles. Mal. i: 11.

Tuesday 10

For an Increase of Faith in the Promises of God.

THE Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him. Deut. vii: 9.

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them. Psalms cxlv: 19.

Wednesday 11

"MORE things are wrought by prayer
Than the world dreams of. Wherefore let the voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
. . . . . .
For so the whole round world is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

Thursday 12

That our Church Members may be Aroused to a Sense of Their Responsibility and Accountability According to the Wealth they Hold.

BUT whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion for him—how dwelleth the love of God in Him. 1 John iii: 17.

Friday 13

Prayer for the Youth of our Land who Seek the West and are Subjected to the Temptations of a New Country.

THEREFORE thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God to walk in His ways and to fear Him. For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains, and depths that spring out of valleys and hills. Deut. viii: 6, 7.

Saturday 14

For the Church of Christ Throughout the World.

PROMISE—"The earth shalt be full of the knowledge of the Lord."

Sunday 15

Prayer—That we may Realize the Importance of Home Mission Work in its Relation to the Evangelization of the World.

AND all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of Hosts. Mal. iii: 12.

Monday 16

I HAVE been for twenty-five years impressed and oppressed by a sense of our *Home* work for the world's salvation. I have been imbued with the idea of divine *election* in the destiny of this country. Whatever else may lag the work here *must not lag*. PROF. PHELPS, ANDOVER.

Tuesday 17

THUS saith the Lord God unto the shepherds woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do not feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Eze. xxxiv: 2.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Is. xxvi: 1.

Wednesday 18

THE glory of Christianity is that it opens the heart and teaches, nay compels men to love each other. HENRY VAN DYKE.

The divine Author of the first commission, who confined his labors "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," also taught that God is the common Father of mankind, and died for the world. REV. F. JOHNSON, D.D.

Thursday 19

AND they were scattered because there is no shepherd; and they became meat to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. Eze. xxxiv: 5.

He does most to Christianize the world and to hasten the coming of the Kingdom who does most to make thoroughly Christian the United States. DR. STRONG, in *The New Era*.

Friday 20

LET us tell—"Thy Kingdom come,"
Tell the weary earth-worn mortals;
Hark! the Saviour whispers "come!"
Point them to the open portals,
Long ago
Love, atoning, left them so.

Saturday 21

Prayer for the Masses who Flock to our Shores from Foreign Lands.

I WILL rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart, and with my whole soul. Jeremiah xxxii: 41.

Sunday 22

Prayer for Home Mission Work of Other Denominations.

O GOD who buildest for thy Majesty an eternal habitation out of living and elect stones; assist thy suppliant people, that as thy Church increaseth in outside strength it may also be enlarged by spiritual increase; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 23

For all Missionaries.

FOR this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.
Deut. xv: 10.

Tuesday 24

For Wisdom to Deal with the Problems which Confront us as a Nation.

"AND this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us."

Wednesday 25

For our President, Governors and all in Authority.

"I WILL watch to see what He will say unto me, * * * and the Lord answered me, Make the vision plain, that he may run that readeth." Hab. ii: 1, 2.

Thursday 26

For our Army and Navy.

LET us not fear nor be dismayed for the Lord of Hosts will go down to the battle with us, will bear the brunt of the fight and give us the victory.

I will not fail thee nor forsake thee, *only* be thou strong and courageous. Joshua i: 5, 7.

Friday 27

For Courage to go Forward "In His Name."

"THOU hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." Psalms lx: 4.

Saturday 28

Prayer for Power from on High to Meet the Perils which Menace our Country.

O GOD, the life of the faithful, the bliss of the righteous, mercifully receive the prayers of Thy suppliants, that the souls which thirst for Thy promises, may evermore be filled from thine abundance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 29

Prayer that the Church of Christ may Strain every Nerve to make America sure for Christ.

EARNESTLY contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 3.

Monday 30

WITHIN the next fifty years there will be in this land a development equal to that of the past half-century. Let every church in our denomination and every pastor, officer and church member, after meditation and prayer upon the urgent needs of the great cause of home missions, give of their substance to make America sure for Christ, and through America the world.

Tuesday 31

THE promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off. Acts ii:39.

February — The Indians

Wednesday 1

Prayer that our Rulers may have a Sense of Honor and Justice in Dealing with this Problem.

THE Indian problem is a very complex one, involving the relation of a superior to an inferior race, of civilization to barbarism, of conquerors to subjects, of Christianity to heathenism. It calls for wise statesmanship, zealous philanthropy, the labor of Christian missionaries, and—time. HON. T. J. MORGAN.

Thursday 2

Prayer for our Mission Schools and Missionaries among the Indians.

"YOU must not be discouraged," said a Kiowa, "if we Indians come slow. It is a long road for us to leave our old Indian ways, and we have to think a great deal; but I am sure that all the Indian people will come into the Jesus road, for I see that these white Jesus people are here to help us, and I thank them for coming. Tell the Christian people to pray for us. We are ignorant, but we want to be led aright that we may come into the Jesus road."

Friday 3

I WILL give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. Jer. xxiv:7.

Saturday 4

Prayer that all who Call Themselves Christians may have their Hearts Stirred for this Perishing Race.

OUR Indian wards are comparatively few, but there is a just God who holds in His balances every act of oppressive legislation, every dishonest transaction, every broken treaty, and who has said, "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

Indian Territory.

Sunday 5

Anadarko, Indian Territory. Mary Gergory Memorial.—Rev. S. V. Fait.

MAY the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Eph. i : 17.

Miss E. A. Calvert, Miss J. Templeton, Miss L. Thompson, Miss M. D. Wilson.

He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness. John viii: 12.

Monday 6

Dwight, I. T.—Miss A. R. Miller and Miss M. I. Miller.

"DAILY" is Christ's own word regarding your bread and your cross.

Tuesday 7

Elm Spring, I. T.—Miss C. H. Montgomery, Miss M. C. Elliott, Miss S. S. Mathes.

AND Hannah prayed and said "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord; mine horn is exalted in the Lord. . . because I rejoice in Thy salvation. 1 Sam. ii : 1.

Wednesday 8

Muskogee, I. T., Henry Kendall College.—Rev. W. R. King, Rev. A. G. Evans, Mr. F. J. Taylor, Mr. W. T. Conway.

TO make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which Thou hath seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto Thee. Acts xxvi : 16.

Miss A. L. Crosby, Miss M. E. Mathes, Miss Alice M. Robertson, Miss L. V. Parish, Miss C. Courtney.

Another of the secrets of a beautiful life is found in the word "serving." Our Lord gave us the full truth when He said of His own mission that He came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Thursday 9

Muskogee, I. T.—Miss G. R. Kean and Miss L. A. Sanson.

SPEAKING to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Eph. v : 19.

Miss E. Huey, Mrs. W. T. Conway, Mrs. P. Riddle, Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson.

I can do all thing through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. iv : 13.

Friday 10

McAlester, I. T.—Rev. Ralph J. Lamb.
Park Hill, I. T.—Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Duncan.

CHRIST never said much in mere words about the Christian graces. He lived them, He was them. Yet we do not merely copy him. We learn His art by living with Him, like the old apprentices with their masters.—PROF. DRUMMOND.

Saturday 11

Tulsa, I. T.—Miss Alice M. Stringfield.

I AM the vine, ye are the branches. . . . Without Me ye can do nothing. John xv : 5.

THERE are thirty-five regularly ordained Indian Presbyterian ministers, ninety-one Indian churches with 4348 communicants. Besides these there are several hundreds of Indian communicants in white churches. Under the care of the Woman's Board of Home Missions there are seventeen schools, seventy-six teachers, 1427 pupils enrolled.

Sunday 12

Nuyaka, Ind. Ter.—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robe, Miss M. F. Robe, Miss L. A. McCracken.

STRONG in faith, giving glory to God, being fully persuaded that what He has promised He is able also to perform. Rom. iv : 20, 21.

Monday 13

Nuyaka, I. T.—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brown and Miss L. A. Robe.

WHATEVER a child of God needs—not merely wants but needs—a child of God is authorized to ask for. Whatever a child of God asks for in faith, within the limits of his needs, God stands ready to supply. The responsibility of asking is laid on the child of God. The responsibility of deciding whether the thing asked for is really needed rests with the Lord.—H. CLAY TRUMBULL.

Tuesday 14

Tahlequah, I. T.—Mr. C. A. Peterson.

THE Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him. Deut. vii : 9

Wednesday 15

Tahlequah, I. T.—Miss M. E. Trotter, Miss S. M. Williams, Miss L. M. Shafer, Miss M. F. Paden, Miss L. C. Miller.

NEVER a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share ;
Moment by moment, I'm under his care.

Thursday 16

Tucson, Arizona—Mr. and Mrs F. S. Herndon, Miss A. Armstrong, Miss F. Dilley.

KEEP yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 21.

Friday 17

Tucson, Arizona—Miss M. Pruyn, Miss L. W. Pierson, Miss C. Strong, Miss J. Ordway, Miss L. North, Miss S. Ostermeyer.

"IMPARTING is both the end for which we receive, and the condition upon which we receive more. The inflow of the fountain is in order to its outflow, and must cease when the outflow stops. He is but a dead sea who receives without imparting."

Saturday 18

Tucson, Arizona—Miss Anna Crothers, Mr. W. L. Palmer, Mr. J. G. Barton.

YET a little while and the time of harvest shall come. Jer. li : 33.

INDIAN nature is simply human nature bound in red. A somewhat careful study of them in face to face contact on the reservation, in their homes, and in the government schools, has led me to the firm conviction that as a class, under favorable conditions, they are self-respecting, noble-minded and responsive to all rightful appeals to their better nature.

Sunday 19

Sacaton, Arizona —Mr. Carl Schurz and Mr. Edward Jackson.

WORKMAN of God! Oh, lose not heart
But learn what God is like;
And in the darkest battle-field
Thou shalt know when to strike.

For right is right, since God is God;
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.--T. W. FABER.

Monday 20

Lapwai, Idaho.—Miss Kate McBeth.

MY hearted trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise Him. Psalms. xxviii: 7.

Tuesday 21

Tama, Iowa.—Mr. and Mrs. George A. Reaugh.

OF every soul that seeks to arrive at usefulness, which is the service of Christ, and at holiness which is the likeness of Christ, and at heaven which is the eternal presence of Christ, it is written

"So he bringeth them unto their desired haven."

VAN DYKE.

Wednesday 22

Wolf Point, Montana.—Mrs. C. D. King.

"WRESTLING prayer can wonders do,
Bring relief in deepest straits;
Prayer can force a passage through
Iron bars and brazen gates."

Thursday 23

Laguna, New Mexico.—Miss E. P. Houston and Miss Rada Mathes.

THOUGH true self-denial is harsh at the beginning, it is easy in the middle and becomes most sweet in the end.—*Molinos.*

Friday 24

OBLESS our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. Psalms. lxvi: 8, 9.

Saturday 25

"EVERYTHING I have is in this book," said a Christian Sioux, when asked why he kept his Bible always beside him. "I like it near me, for I want to look in now and then. Words from it do me good. I was in the night a long time; but the sun has risen, and now I am in the light and so I keep the book near me."

Withhold not good from him to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Prov. iii: 27.

Sunday 26

Good Will, South Dakota.—Rev. G. S. Baskervill, Mrs. A. L. Burnett, Miss A. L. Miller, Miss L. Cunningham.

I HAVE chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit. That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John xv: 16.

Monday 27

Good Will, S. D.—Mr. A. Black, Miss K. Loudon and Miss J. Baskervill.

"NOW Great Heart replied, 'I am a servant of the God of Heaven, my business is to persuade sinners to repentance.'" JOHN BUNYAN.

Tuesday 28

Good Will, S. D.—Mr. W. J. Smith, Mr. J. G. Inness.

SO the workmen wrought and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. 2 Ch. xxiv: 13.

Honor and grateful admiration are due to the young heroes and heroines who annually go forth from our Indian schools, pitting their lives against adamantine walls of unreasoning tradition and superstition, wresting victory for themselves and their unwilling people from conditions which seem utterly hopeless. It is not to be wondered that of these soldiers of a new dispensation numbers fall by the wayside or succumb to fear or worse; but the misfortune or dishonor of these should not render us blind to the steady valor of the greater throng who are pushing ahead, gaining their ground inch by inch.

March — The Board of Home Missions

Wednesday 1

Prayer for all Organized Work for the Evangelization of Our Land.

THERE is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Eph. iv: 4, 5, 6.

Thursday 2

BEGIN at Jerusalem. Crown our Mount Moriah with temples, and from the summits of our spiritual power flash the light of divine truth across the seas, and it will not be long until Jesus shall have dominion from the river unto the ends of the earth.

Friday 3

Prayer for the Officers of the Board of Home Missions.

FOR Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. Isa. lxii: 1.

Saturday 4

FOR none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. Rom. xiv: 7.

Sunday 5

Prayer for the Board.

THE field of Home Missions is the entire territory of the United States. Prior to the Louisiana purchase, in 1803, its area was only 820,680 square miles. In fifty years it had grown by further purchase, cession and war to nearly 3,000,000, and to-day it embraces 3,600,000 square miles—an area larger than the whole of Europe, including the islands of Great Britain, Ireland, Iceland and the Azores in the Atlantic; and the Balearics, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily and Candia in the Mediterranean. Since the addition of Alaska to our domain it has been as truly said of the United States as of the dominion of the Queen of England, that the sun never sets upon it—for before its evening rays disappear from the shores of Attu, the farthest island of the Aleutian group, its morning beams begin to fall upon the pines of Maine. It is beyond human power to form an adequate conception of the vastness of such a country.

Monday 6

LIFT up thine eyes round about, and see; all they gather themselves together, they come to thee. Isa. lx: 4.

Tuesday 7

Prayer for a Full Comprehension of this Wide Field.

STILL we do not comprehend the magnitude of the field, and much less the magnitude of the work. The moral destitution of great States and Territories cannot be recited in the strongest terms of human speech. We only touch the margin of it when we travel down the long valleys of Idaho, or across the mountain ranges of Montana, or urge our way westward from the Red river of the North. It is true much of the territory is but thinly settled, yet population is flowing rapidly into it. Now and then foreign immigration sweeps onward in tidal waves, and little hamlets or busy towns, or thriving cities, spring into being like mushrooms in the night. There are many towns among the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevadas that have existed for a quarter of a century, or longer, which have yet to welcome the first representative of the Christian ministry, and listen to the first syllables of the blessed evangel.

Wednesday 8

HOW shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? Rom. x: 14, 15.

Thursday 9

THE signs of Divine decree point to this land of ours as the one which is fast gathering to itself the races which must take the lead in the final conflicts of Christianity for the possession of the world. Immeasurable opportunities surround and overshadow us. PROF. PHELPS.

Friday 10

THEN will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent. Zeph. iii: 9.

Saturday 11

DEAR Lord, we beseech Thee to have compassion on the multitudes scattered over our own land, fainting by the way. Amen.

Sunday 12

Prayer for all Missionaries Throughout our Land.

AND when beneath some heavy cross you faint,
And say, "I cannot bear this load alone,"
You say the truth; Christ made it purposely
So heavy, that you must return to Him.

Ugo Bassi's Sermon.

Monday 13

TO set forth in its true light the important work of the noble band of missionaries sent out by the Home Board, would be to write largely the history and progress of the frontier; to tell the story aright would be to stir the very heart of the Church.

Tuesday 14

WHOM we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Jesus Christ. Col. i:28.

Wednesday 15

Prayer for Synodical Missionaries.

"THERE are more martyrs than those who have poured out their blood, or burned at the stake for Christ and His Church—they too are martyrs who have poured out their lives in service, and their souls in the agony of prayer that the Son of God and His Kindgom would come." Prayer and Missions.

Thursday 16

Prayer for our Native Evangelists.

THE sooner we understand that our glorious New Testament does not ask or expect the evangelization of the world to be done by ministers, or even by Apostles, any more than a general expects the fighting to be accomplished by himself or his officers, but in a far greater part by the rank and file—the sooner this A B C truth of the Lord Jesus is ingrained into our very hearts, the sooner will the day of missionary advance begin. The Apostles were so fond of native agency that they did not even send as far as Jerusalem for a foreign pastor, but out of the converts in each town a few native overseers were placed over the flock. REGINALD RADCLIFFE.

Friday 17

AND he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God . . . they shall abide. Micah v:4.

Saturday 18

AND now Lord grant unto Thy servants to speak the word with all boldness, while Thou stretchest forth Thy hand to heal. Acts iv:29, 30.

Sunday 19

Prayer for a Blessing on the Publications of the Board.

THAT I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee. Prov. xxii:21.

Read faithfully the best of our missionary periodicals, with their heroic history of our day, and you will feel that you have trod the borderland of heaven and listened to angel choirs. *Helping Hand.*

Monday 20

For the Treasury, and a Consecration of Offerings.

HONOR the Lord with thy substance; and with the first fruits of all thine increase. Prov. iii:9.

Tuesday 21

LOYALTY to Christ and loyalty to our land ought to make us zealous to do more than we are asked, for the average cost of the work planned for this year is but one dollar per member; 1,730 missionaries, 12,763 new members, 150,000 in congregations.

Wednesday 22

HOW far have you discharged the obligations which you owe those who are fighting for you the Lord's battles on destitute and difficult fields? Every dollar that is contributed to the Board of Home Missions to-day is worth more than ten dollars will be a few years hence. Let all the tithes be brought into the storehouse that you may have God's benediction and the blessings of those who are ready to perish.

Thursday 23

HE that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly.
2 Cor. ix:6.

Friday 24

Prayer for City Evangelization.

O YE who have the mind to do and plan
With heart and hand to help your brother man,
Wait not until the time be overpast.
The morning's climbed to noon, the night comes fast.
To-morrow other needs may come, and grow,
For Pain, Disease and Death do hurry so!
And there be those who have in anguish cried
"Had *I been there*, my brother had not died."

MARY E. HOLMES.

Saturday 25

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. Psalms xcvi:8.

Sunday 26

Prayer for more Faith in our Master's Abiding Presence and for a Deeper Sense of His Claims upon our Best Service.

WITH good will doing service as to the Lord and not to men. Eph. vi:7.

Monday 27

THE Christian ife is not all warfare, but it is warfare. No man or woman ever lived it without finding that out. There are other things to be done besides fighting—building, planting, tilling, sowing, healing, receiving light and giving light, adding to the life and giving it to others.

BISHOP HUNTINGTON.

Tuesday 28

Prayer that All our Work for Him may Bear the Impress of His Image.

He traineth so,
That we may shine for Him in this dark world,
And bear His standard dauntlessly unfurled;
That we may show
His praise, by lives that mirror back His love,
His witnesses on earth, as He is ours above.

Wednesday 29

Prayer for the Careless and Indifferent.

SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. Psalms cxxxix:23.

Thursday 30

"FOR thou must share if thou wouldst keep
That good thing from above;
Ceasing to share, you cease to have,
Such is the law of love."

ARCHBISHOP TRENCH.

Friday 31

YES, home missions have paid, and will continue to pay until that time shall come when "they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord."

April — The Freedmen

Saturday 1

AND it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear. Is. lxv:24.

Easter Sunday 2

WEEP not beside His tomb, ye women unto whom
He was great comfort and yet greater grief;
Nor ye, ye faithful few that wont with Him to roam,
Seek sadly what for Him ye left, go hopeless to your home;
Nor ye despair, ye sharers yet to be of their belief;
Though He be dead He is not dead, nor gone, though fled,
Not lost though vanished;
* * * * * * *
In the great Gospel and true creed
He is yet risen indeed;
Christ is yet risen. ARTHUR CLOUGH.

Monday 3

Concord, N. C., Scotia Seminary.—Mrs. D. J. Satterfield, Miss M. E. Chapman, Miss M. E. Bell, Miss A. O. Percival.

GOD hath made the world and all things therein. He hath made of one blood all nations of men. Acts xvii:24, 26.

Tuesday 4

Crockett, Texas, Mary Allen Seminary.—Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Miss E. Ferguson, Miss S. E. Gailey.

AND we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the saviour of the world. 1 John iv:14.

Wednesday 5

Crockett, Texas.—Miss C. E. Logan, Miss M. J. Harper, Mrs. B. A. Gilson.

ONLY Christ can give us Christ-wide views, hopes, ambitions. This "universalism" will become part of our faith only as we are "enlarged" in Christ. We can understand him and the immensity of His mission only as fast as we become His.

Thursday 6

Burkeville, Va., Ingleside Seminary.—Mrs. C. G. Campbell, Miss M. L. Robinson, Miss H. J. McCay.

THE Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Prov. iii:26.

Friday 7

West Point, Miss., Mary Holmes Seminary.—Mrs. H. N. Payne, Miss S. H. Johnston, Miss C. E. Crowe, Miss N. H. Dobbins.

O KING of joy and pain, let us not weave in vain!
Touch thou the fabric of our lives and make them fair amain,
That, when our task is finished within the heavenly place,
Clad in our Robes of Righteousness, we may behold Thy face.

Saturday 8

West Point, Miss.—Miss M. F. McLaury, Miss A. Cornell, Mrs. M. B. Johnson.

THE beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long and he shall dwell between His shoulders. Deut. xxxiii:12.

"We of the colored race must get capital of money, capital of character, capital of ancestry, capital of history, before we can take the place the people of America are willing to give us."

Sunday 9

Prayer for the Freedmen.

DO we ask for paganism to battle with? We have it among the Freedmen. Would we purify the homes of our land? More than 1,000,000 colored homes are little more than stopping places. They wait your uplifting hand and mine to reflect the influences of a true home. Do we crave the privilege of Christianizing a nation? Here it is, with possibilities as marked as those of the Sandwich Islands or Madagascar. These 8,000,000 are a factor whose power is now in its embryo, but within that embryo is largely wrapped the future of these United States and the Christianizing of Africa.

Monday 10

Barber Memorial, Anniston, Ala.—Principal to be appointed. Miss E. E. Gilliam, Miss S. H. Mann.

O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for Thee: be Thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. Isa. xxxiii: 2.

Tuesday 11

Haines Normal and Industrial School, Augusta, Ga.—Miss Lucy C. Laney, Miss M. C. Jackson, Miss Irene Smallwood. McClelland School, Newman, Ga.—Mrs. B. L. Glenn.

GOOD work, earnest work, prayerful work, can never be without a blessing to the worker, which will follow him, after life's endless toil and endeavor, to his rest. And what greater work than the saving of a soul! R. N. CUST.

Wednesday 12

Industrial High School, Danville, Va.—Mrs. W. E. Carr, Miss Eva S. Mabey.

"NOW Father—now in Thy dear presence kneeling,
Our spirits yearn to feel Thy kindling love;
Now make us strong—we need Thy deep revealing
Of trust and strength, and calmness from above.

Thursday 13

Parochial Schools, Nottaway, Va.—Miss Luella Thompson and Mrs. S. J. Neil. Parochial Schools, Ridgeway, Va.—Miss S. J. Harris. Parochial Schools, Chula, Va.—Mrs. A. Carter.

I WILL go in the strength of the Lord God.
Psalms lxxi: 16.

Friday 14

Mary Potter School, Oxford, N. C.—Mrs. G. C. Shaw, Miss K. N. Hughes, Miss Juliette Smith.

NO loving act for Christ was ever passed unnoticed. No prayer, no word, no deed of charity done for Christ's sweet sake, ever fell to earth and died. CHAS. CUTHBERT HALL.

Saturday 15

Parochial Schools, Victoria, N. C.—Miss Lula Rankin. Parochial Schools, Asheville, N. C.—Mrs. C. B. Dusenbury. Birmingham, Ala.—Miss W. J. Clark.

FOR I, the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee fear not I will help thee. Is. xli: 13.

Sunday 16

Prayer for the Freedmen's Board.

THE negroes' need is a practical Christian education and a plain gospel. We do not have to cross some wide stormy ocean to reach them. We do not have to send our missionaries to them into any deadly climate like West Africa. We do not have to labor and wait years to see any results of our work. They are ready at our door in the sunny Southland, along the Gulf, ready and anxious to have an opportunity given them to obtain these things.

Monday 17

Ferguson Academy, Abbeville, S. C.—Mrs. T. H. Amos, Mrs. E. A. Pindle, Miss E. C. Borner.

IN the meantime I will walk in faith, strengthened by the example of the saints. *Imitation of Christ.*

Tuesday 18

Parochial School, McConnellsville, S. C.—Mrs. A. A. Jones, Parochial School, near Sumter, S. C.—Mrs. M. J. Seabrook.

BE sure if you do your very best in that which is laid upon you daily, you will not be left without help when some mightier occasion arises. JEAN NICHOLAS GROU.

Wednesday 19

Kendall Institute, Sumter, S. C.—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Watkins, Miss E. R. Van Buren. Brainard Institute, Chester, S. C.—Miss A. M. Donaldson.

"I KNOW my hand may never reap its sowing,
And yet some other may;
And I may never see it growing—
So short my little day!
Still must I sow—though I go forth weeping
I cannot, dare not stay.
God grant a harvest! though I may be sleeping
Under the shadows gray."

Thursday 20

Richard Allen Institute.—Pine Bluff, Ark.—Mrs. Lewis Johnston, Miss S. H. Dunton, Miss J. Jones.

EVEN so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him may not perish but have eternal life.
John iii:14, 15.

Friday 21

Cotton Plant Academy—Cotton Plant, Ark.—Mrs. F. C. Potter, Miss S. C. Cowan, Miss I. N. Hall, Miss A. E. Richmond.

THE quiet souls who wait in patience, and toil perhaps in pain, grow strong in a service so sweet, as they watch the coming of the kingdom, and their small sacrifices are precious in the sight of the Lord.

Saturday 22

Monticello Academy, Monticello, Ark.—Mrs. C. S. Mebane, Mr. T. M. Oglesby.

FOR through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Eph. ii:18.

Parochial School, Lakfata, Ind. Ter.—Rev. J. S. Sleeper. Oak Hill School, Ind. Ter.—Mrs. E. F. McBride.

God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Tim. i:7.

The foregoing names of missionaries are those only of the Freedmen's Board who are supported wholly or in part by the Women's Home Mission Societies.

Sunday 23

Prayer for all Schools, Teachers and Scholars under the Care of the Freedmen's Board.

TO give light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke i: 79.

Monday 24

Prayer for all Missionaries and Ministers Working among the Freedmen.

STRONG in faith, giving glory to God; being fully persuaded that what he promised he is able also to perform. Rom. iv: 20, 21.

Tuesday 25

For our Presbyterian Colored Churches, Communicants and Sunday School Scholars.

THE God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 1 Peter v: 10.

Wednesday 26

THE negroes have the special claim on Americans of having enslaved them. The negro's desire for aid is intense. He wants very much to be enlightened. He seeks better things for his children than he himself has had. "One million colored children are to-day growing up, who never saw the inside of a school house;" 2,500,000 colored women and children can neither read nor write. Are not these facts enough to speak loudly to one and all in every church to give as God has prospered them? The hard facts should impress upon all pastors and elders the great importance of presenting this cause forcibly at least once a year. The cry of the colored man comes up with all the echoes of past years. He is in bondage to darkness, superstition and immorality. Let us send men and women and money, to aid in lifting him to a respectable place among the people of our land.

Thursday 27

For the Colored Girls in our Seminaries and Elsewhere who will be Leaders in Christian Work and Influence Among Tens of Thousands of their own Race.

BLESSED is that servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find not only watching but working.

Friday 28

Prayer that the Church of America at Large may Realize its Responsibility Towards this Race.

TO abandon the work is disloyal both to the nation and to Christ. There are 8,000,000 negroes in our land, 300 colored children are born every day to American citizenship—the grandest, yet most responsible heritage that ever comes to any human being. For the nation's sake these 8,000,000 must be educated. The Christ who died for them demands that they be given the gospel of His love.

Saturday 29

LORD, that our eyes may be opened! As now at Thy bidding we look upon the work Thou hast given us to do, may we also look unto Thee. Manifest Thyself, to kindle our love, to increase our faith, to revive our hopes, to inspire us with unquenchable zeal. Nothing will discourage or hinder us if only Thou appear, our present help and our eternal portion. Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Sunday 30

Prayer that the Sin of Lukewarmness may not be Laid at the Door of the Presbyterian Church.

CLEAR vision is needful for faithful service. I counsel thee, said the risen Saviour to a lukewarm church, to anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayst see. To his first disciples he said, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest.

May

Monday 1

Prayer for the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

BEHOLD the handmaid of the Lord, Luke i:38.
"According to your faith be it unto you."

Tuesday 2

For the Officers of the Board.

"TAKE heed how ye build."
If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. James i:5.

Wednesday 3

For all the Workers in the Office.

AS the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart. Ephesians vi:6.

Thursday 4

For Synodical and Presbyterial Officers.

"SO when *they* are worn with labor, we too may be worn with prayer,
And when on the fields they have planted they behold no quickening sign,
We can enter into the closet and plead for the power Divine—
And if thus we labor together, said one of the chosen band
We shall reap and rejoice together, in the joy of the better land."

Friday 5

For Auxiliary Societies and their Officers.

"SING and rejoice O daughter of Zion, for lo! I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord."
"Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, keep not silence."

Saturday 6

Prayer for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies.

THEY were women that were first with Him at the Resurrection morn, and women that brought tidings first to His Disciples that He was risen from the dead; women therefore are highly favored and sharers with us in the Grace of Life.

JOHN BUNYON.

Sunday 7

Prayer for all Mission Schools under the Care of the Woman's Board.

MISSION school work is not the mere teaching of a book, it is a moral and spiritual force; a fragrance that gladdens; a breath that gives help; a touch that quickens into life; it is a divine atmosphere in which young souls thrive.

MRS. A. T. SCHAUFFLER.

Monday 8

Prayer for our Superintendent of Mission Schools.

THE Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth and even forevermore. Psalms cxxi: 8.

Tuesday 9

For our Day Schools.

THE lips of the righteous feed many: the tongue of the just is as choice silver. Prov. x: 21, 20.

Wednesday 10

For Bible Readers.

AND of Thy goodness nourish the seeds of truth divine,
That they may grow and flourish in spirit-fields of Thine.
On them Thy dews of grace be poured, and sunshine of Thy love,
That in that day they may be stored in garners fair above.

Thursday 11

For Boarding and Industrial Schools.

ONE of the most important movements is the training of children to be the workers, and prayers, and givers of the next generation. Let them be trained to build churches, and support schools here in the home land. Let them be so educated that they will have hearts and minds and souls large enough to take in all the world, and early learn that true religion and true philantrophy belt the world with sympathies, prayers and gifts. The future of Home Missions rests with the children of to-day, and only as they are trained to broad thinking and generous giving will the success of that future be assured. MRS. A. E. ARNOLD.

Friday 12

For Women who Pray and Plan at Home.

THE Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host. (R. V.) Psalm lxviii: 11.

Saturday 13

NOTHING is more prominent in our Lord's teaching and example than the law of service and self-sacrificing love—"I am among you as he that serveth."

Sunday 14

Prayer for our Mission School Teachers.

AND what a reward for self-denial God has promised His own! "Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left all for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Luke xviii: 28-30.

Monday 15

For our Teachers who Encounter Opposition and Discouragement.

THAT the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter i: 7, 9.

Tuesday 16

That our Teachers may Persistently "Seek the Lord till He Come."

SOW to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord till He come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea x: 12.

Wednesday 17

NOW is the time for sowing: pray we for every field
That, to perfection growing, abundance it may yield.
O Thou, from Whom alone proceeds each good and perfect gift,
For all Thy fair creation needs, to Thee our prayer we lift.

Thursday 18

HAIL thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee. Luke i: 28.

Friday 19

FROM the day when Gabriel announced to that virgin of Bethlehem her destiny as the human mother of the Son of God, woman has taken a new rank in history. Mary of Magdala, to whom first He appeared after His resurrection, was a forerunner of the thousands of her sex who should bear the good tidings of a risen Saviour.—REV. A. T. PIERSON.

Saturday 20

A HAPPY-HEARTED mission teacher, who has carried much sunshine into one of our hardest fields, declares: "I was never happier, because I am working so directly for Christ. To be wanted in this work-a-day world and to be able to supply that want is a comfort."

Sunday 21

Special Prayer for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

"NOW the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. xv: 5, 6.

Monday 22

YOU who are so persistently and heroically working for the maintenance of Christian schools among the exceptional population are building better than you know. No step in the right direction stops at present achievement; the simple corner-stone of a structure has in it no epitome of the palace which is to be erected over it; so though we do not see the end of our labors, and we can pass on to others the continuance of a work, which in its influence on American character, must do much in shaping the building of American nationality. MRS. M. E. JAMES.

Tuesday 23

Prayer for Our Treasury.

IN the Jewish Church the people gave tithes for the service of God, but of the Philippian Christian Church it is said, "They first gave their own selves to the Lord." What wonder then that every other gift that was needed naturally and easily followed, and so the Apostle bears record that to their power and beyond it they were ready to give of their means. May we not well "stimulate our sluggish benevolence" by thinking of their shining example. "They first gave their own selves to the Lord." This is what he asks of every one of us.

Wednesday 24

OUT of all your gifts offer the best. Numbers xviii: 9.
And of all that Thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. Gen xxviii: 22.

Thursday 25

Prayer for our Missionary Literature.

"AS well might a carpenter expect to work without plane or hammer, a shoemaker without lasts, or an educator without books, as a missionary worker without missionary literature."

Friday 26

THE words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John vi: 63.

Saturday 27

AND the Lord direct your hearts into the Son of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. 2 Thess. iii: 5.

Sunday 28

Prayer that the Women of our Church may Heed the Divine Commission.

"WHEN He called her she stood before Him."

"The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith, Come see a Man which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ? And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman." John iv: 28, 29, 39.

Monday 29

God Bless the Noble Band of Women who have Responded to this Call.

OH! how sweet it is to work all day with God and then lie down at night beneath his smile. M'CHEYNE.

Tuesday 30

"WE can only shine as lights in the world by bearing the Light of the World within us."

Wednesday 31

MAY the God of our fathers keep us from perishing, like the old, corrupt civilizations, through our wealth, our prosperity, our luxurious living and pleasure seeking, our lavish expenditure upon ourselves, and our shameful penuriousness toward our missionary societies and secretaries and faithful workers at the front! MRS. JOSEPH COOK.

June

The New West and Alaska

Thursday 1

"EVERY Christian is a patriot to his heart's core, else he is a traitor to his fellows, his God and the whole race of man in all its interests and ages. Let the splendor and promise of our young estate bring us to a sense of our vast responsibility and set us on our manly duty." REV. DR. FISKE.

Friday 2

THE earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. Psalms xxiv: 1.

Behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the Father, so also the soul of the Son is mine. Ezek. xviii: 4.

Saturday 3

Come, labor on!
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
While all around him waves the golden grain,
And every servant hears the Master say,
"Go, work to-day?"

Sunday 4

Prayer for a Blessing on the Efforts put forth by the Christian Church of America to Evangelize the "New West."

"THEN said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before God, thy words were heard."

Monday 5

"Give Ye Them to Eat."

THERE is a vast multitude to be fed and helped in the world. Even in this favored Christian land there is a multitude demanding spiritual and temporal aid; especially is this true of the New West.

Tuesday 6

"ME and my gift; kind Lord, behold,
Be not extreme to test or sift:
Thy love can turn to fire and gold
Me and my gift.

"Myself and mine to Thee I lift;
Gather us to Thee from the cold
Dead outer world where dead things drift.

"If such were mine, then manifold
Should be the offering of my thrift;
I am but poor, yet love makes bold
Me and my gift."

Wednesday 7

That OUR Church may Realize its Responsibility in Educating and Christianizing the Masses who flock to the "New West"

OUR denomination shares the weighty responsibility resting upon all American Christians, to plant the institutions of a pure religion for all coming time in this newest portion of the great West.

Thursday 8

"To Gain the Right and Future Power to go into all the World with the Gospel, we must not fail to Evangelize our own Country."

INDIAN Territory and Oklahoma have a population of about 750,000 from all parts of the earth, all grades of Indians, from a mere trace of Indian blood up to a full blood, all nationalities and races in assorted colors and varying conditions.

The West is outgrowing the East and the center of population is moving Westward at the rate of five miles a year. The seat of empire will rest beyond the Mississippi River within the new century now about to dawn.

Friday 9

I SAY that one who pauses for one year in his close and attentive look at the development of this country falls behind his age, and fails to see the most stupendous scene that history every presented to the eye of man.

Saturday 10

"FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp which burneth."

Sunday 11

Prayer for a Blessing on our Work and Workers in far-off Alaska.

MY presence shall go with thee. Ex. xxxiii:14.

Most of the Alaska stations are more or less isolated, and those who seek to enter this field should be impelled by the same motives that led Cary and Judson, and other like workers, to the foreign field.

Monday 12

Chilcat, Rev. W. W. Warne, Missionary.

I WILL give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to gainsay or resist. Luke xxi:15.

Tuesday 13

Hoonah—Mrs. J. W. McFarland, Mr. W. W. Carle, Missionaries.

EVERY word of God is pure; he is a shield to them that put their trust in Him. Prov. xxx:5.

Wednesday 14

Jackson—Miss Christine D. Baker, Missionary.

AN old saint said: "Bear the cross and it shall bear thee."

Thursday 15

Juneau—Rev. L. F. Jones, Rev. J. H. Condit, Missionaries.

THE God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded. Rom. xv:5.

Friday 16

Point Barrow—Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Marsh.

"THE hardest place on earth to which a missionary could go —there is no place in Siberia or Africa more inaccessible —it is literally out of the world."

Use me, God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretcheth far and wide like a wide sea.
The gatherers are so few, I fear the precious field
Will suffer loss. O find a place for me!

A place where best the strength I have will tell,
It may be one the other toilers shun;
Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well,
So that the work it holds be only done.

—*Christina Rossetti.*

Saturday 17

St. Lawrence Island—Rev. W. F. Doty.

I HEARD the voice of the Lord, saying, Go, tell this people. Isa. vi:8, 9.

The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee. Deut. xxxi:8.

Dr. Jackson reminds us that the heroic men and women who thus shut themselves out of the world and calmly face year after year a polar winter, who brave the fanaticism and superstition of ignorant and barbarous people that they may carry to dark and wretched northern homes the light and joy of the gospel, deserve our sympathy and our daily prayer.

Sunday 18

Special Prayer for the Native Evangelists and Teachers.

THAT ye may be sincere and without offence until the day of Christ. Phil. i: 10.

Monday 19

Kluckwan—Mr. Fred. Moore, Native Evangelist.

GO to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee. Mark v: 19.

Tuesday 20

Saxman—Rev. Edward Marsden, First Ordained Alaskan Minister.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. Psalms lxxxix: 1.

Wednesday 21

Fort Wrangel—Rev. Clarence Thwing, M.D.

TO my thinking none follow more closely in the Master's foot-prints than the medical missionary, and in no work are the higher teachings of Christianity more legible and easily recognized.—MRS. I. B. BISHOP.

Thursday 22

Skaguay—Rev. S. Hall Young, Missionary.

THOU shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Jer. i: 7.

Friday 23

Prayer for the Pupils of our Schools "Who go Forth to Establish Christian Homes and Take an Active Part in the World's Conflicts and Progress."

THAT which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us. 1 John i: 3.

Saturday 24

NOT willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter iii: 9.

Sunday 25

Prayer for the Training-School and Home at Sitka.

FROM the Sitka Training School, where beside class-room instruction the girls are trained in household industries and the boys are taught carpentry, shoemaking, blacksmithing and coopering, many well-equipped men and women have gone out who are a power for good among their own people.

Monday 26

Sitka—Rev. M. D. McClelland, Minister, Mr. W. A. Kelly, Superintendent, Mrs. M. K. Paul, Interpreter.

"BE comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father and of Christ.

Tuesday 27

Dr. B. K. Wilbur, Physician and Surgeon, Miss Esther Gibson, Nurse.

HE sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Ps. cvii: 20.

He that was healed wist not who it was; it was Jesus which had made him whole. John v: 13, 15.

Wednesday 28

Mrs. S. A. Wallace, Miss A. M. Sheets, Mrs. A. H. Carter, Matrons.

BUT the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept; line upon line, here a little and there a little. Isaiah xxviii: 13.

Thursday 29

Mrs. C. C. Heizer, Miss M. A. Saxman, Miss O. Hilton, Teachers.

THE fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Prov. xi: 30.

Friday 30

Mr. J. E. Gamble, Mr. G. J. Beck, Mr. A. C. Carty, Mr. F. Hudson, Industrial Teachers.

I AM the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Isa. xlviii: 17.

July Results of the Year

Saturday 1

I WILL mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us. Isa. lxiii: 7.

Sunday 2

Prayer—Humble Confession of Shortcoming and Thanksgiving for Results of the Year.

"O GIVE thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever."

Blessed be the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplications.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kindgdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Monday 3

THE tabulation of the school work for last year gives significant results, as follows:

SCHOOL WORK.

Populations.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.
Alaskans	8	32	459	15
Indians	17	76	1,427	45
Mexicans	24	45	1,505	54
Mormons	29	64	1,908	80
Mountaineers	32	106	2,752	266
Foreigners	3	6	288	....
Total	113	329	8,339	460

Our societies have also contributed to the support of 32 schools and 59 teachers under the care of the Freedmen's Board.

Tuesday 4

THERE is nothing more certain in the world than that God's Word shall not return unto Him void. The seed you are sowing may lie dormant for many years, but in God's time it will germinate, and you shall some day find greatly multiplied the truth you may now think fruitless or lost.

You are scattering seed in a desert land, but "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for you, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose," for He who has said, "I know thy works and thy labor, and thy patience" is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love; and "your work shall be rewarded."

MRS. M. E. JAMES.

Wednesday 5

BLESSED be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Psalm lxviii: 19.

Thursday 6

BECAUSE thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. lxiii: 7.

Friday 7

THE exceptional population number about 3,000,000. The results of our work among them are gratifying and encouraging. Twenty-seven churches have grown directly out of our mission schools among the Mormons. Among the various Indian tribes we have ninety-one churches, in Alaska eight, among the Mexicans twenty-one and among the Mountain Whites four.

Saturday 8

GOD sendeth showers of heavy rain
To wash the ways out, soak the earth,
That flowers and fruit may come to birth,
And valleys laugh with grain.—W. M. L. Jay.

Gradual preparation, ultimating in sudden consummation, is often God's method in history.

Sunday 9

Thanksgiving for the Privilege of Sharing in Missionary Work.

O MAKE us fervent in the quest that we may bring them in—
The weary and the wounded, and the sufferers from sin,
The stricken and the dying; let us seek them out for Thee,
And lay them at Thy glorious feet, that healed they may be.

Monday 10

"I AM the True Vine," said our Lord, "and Ye,
My Brethren, are the Branches;" and that Vine
Then first uplifted in its place, and hung
With its first purple grapes, since then has grown,
Until its green leaves gladden half the world,
And from its countless clusters rivers flow
For healing of the nations, and its boughs
Innumerable stretch through all the earth,
Ever increasing, ever each entwined
With each, all living from the Central Heart.
And you and I, my brethren, live and grow,
Branches of that immortal human Stem.

Ugo Bassi's Sermon in the Hospital.

Tuesday 11

THE reflex influence of mission work appears on the balance sheet of the nations. It costs the United States one hundred and twenty dollars annually to support each of its heathen Sioux, and less than eight dollars for each of its Christian Sioux. Comment is superfluous.

Wednesday 12

THE schools are proving one of the most effective evangelistic agencies, and are making the influences of the Gospel felt in every village and home from which the pupils come and to which they return when their school life is past.

Salvation is not merely a future, though certain good; it is a present and abundant joy. REV. CHARLES HODGE, D.D.

Thursday 13

THE coming of the Kingdom is the one great event on which the revelation of the Father's glory, the blessedness of His children, the salvation of the world depends.—On our prayers too, the coming of the Kingdom waits. Shall we not join in the deep longing cry of the redeemed—"Thy Kingdom come?" ANDREW MURRAY.

Friday 14

I AM glad to think
I am not bound to make the world go right;
But only to discover and to do,
With cheerful heart, the work that God appoints.

JEAN INGELOW.

Saturday 15

TRUE missionaries are always heroes. They have as their helmet, breastplate and shield the Divine promise, "Lo, I am with you alway;" and the Presence is vanguard and rearward. To know that one is in the exact path of duty, is to know that all things work together for good in a Divine harmony. A. T. PIERSON.

Sunday 16

Prayer that Woman's Work may be Blessed Throughout the Length and Breadth of our Country.

GRANT Thy servants, O Lord, to be set on fire with Thy Spirit, strengthened with Thy power, illuminated by Thy splendor, filled with Thy grace, and to go forward by Thine aid. Give them, O God, a right faith, perfect love, true humility: we ask it for our Saviour's sake. Amen.

Monday 17

NAY, we were fashioned not for perfect peace
In this world, howsoever in the next;
And what we win and hold is through some strife.

Ugo Bassi's Sermon.

Tuesday 18

THE work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. Isaiah xxxii: 17.

Wednesday 19

THAT Christian heart must be dull indeed that feels no thrill at the story of the progress of the gospel in the world. Is not every page of this story full of interest, whether it tells of the conflict of nations, or of the patient labor of men and women in remote villages laying foundations for Christian communities that shall one day become an irrisistible power among the Lord's hosts? Let us remember that to remove the sticks and stones from before the chariot wheels of our Lord, is no less a part of his work than to follow in his footsteps with an army with banners; that the turning of a soul to Christ needs his personal, miraculous power just as surely as the stopping of the waters of the Jordan while the arc of God stood in their midst.

Thursday 20

THERE is a fifth gospel which has been eighteen centuries in writing; the work of Christ among mankind. The track of His footsteps is seen wherever there has been any real progress in good, in love, in right, in the moral elevation of woman. At the basis of our modern civilization lies the thought of Jesus.

DE PRESSENSÉ.

Friday 21

CHRISTIAN faith is a grand cathedral with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, one can see no glory nor possibly imagine any. Standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors. HAWTHORNE.

Saturday 22

THERE is a law to give and take which is as inexorable in the work of the world's conversion as in any other. We cannot convert Asia without a certain amount of spiritual power at home. We cannot give what we have not received. And the power at home must come from a broader and deeper spiritual culture; and this must take time, money, labor and prayer.

Sunday 23

Prayer for Children's Work—Bands, Junior Endeavors and Sunday Schools.

MAY that which is performed by our humble ministrations, O Lord, be fulfilled by Thy effectual power. Amen.

Monday 24

ACTIVITY, not passivity, is the demand of the age. The powers of evil are not hesitating, neither are they timorous. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me," came the message to the disciples awaiting at Jerusalem the promised gift of the Holy Ghost, and when He had been received they prayed, "Grant unto Thy servants that with all boldness they may speak Thy word." Such a spirit as that poured upon the disciples almost nineteen hundred years ago is that for which prayer should ascend in these closing days of the nineteenth century; a spirit which will enable the church to march forth under the banner of Him of whom Peter unhesitatingly testified, "We are His witnesses."

Tuesday 25

I WILL mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us. Isaiah lxiii: 7.

Wednesday 26

BELIEVE and trust. Through stars and suns,
Through all occasions and events,
His wise paternal purpose runs;
The darkness of His providence
Is star-lit with benign intents. WHITTIER.

Thursday 27

BEING confident that he who hath begun a good work will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians i: 6.

Friday 28

TO become conversant with the trend of missionary work is to become conversant with the trend of progress in every direction, for there is no question, political, social or economical, which does not affect the work of missions either favorably or unfavorably.

Saturday 29

PRAYER and missions. Prayer with missions. Nothing is more important—nothing is *so* important. The work is essentially *divine* in conception and execution. This supernatural gospel can accomplish this supernatural work of conversion only through a supernatural power, the Holy Ghost. Prayer is the only hold we have upon the Spirit of God, and therefore prayer is the single secret of all blessing upon our work. Prayer means every other form of blessing. It means plenty of workmen; it means open doors of access; it brings plenty of money and means; it brings unction upon the workmen; it brings success of the highest sort upon the field. *Missionary Review.*

Sunday 30

Prayer for those Who have under Consideration the Great Problem of Immigration.

"OUR foreign population numbers about 10,000,000. The average annual immigration has been about half a million and represents more than ninety nationalities. Nearly all the nations of the earth are represented in our population, many of them by entire communities, most of them by multitudes scattered throughout the land."

Monday 31

NOW therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. Ephesians ii: 19.

August Foreigners

Tuesday 1

WHILE all nations send heathen and helpless to us, no other nation will help us to care for their souls. The Christian Church cannot be too prompt or purposeful in its missionary work among those who, coming as aliens, are so swiftly transformed into citizens.

Wednesday 2

LET the Church of Christ, then, march in on the forming life of the cities. The older cities have taken their shape. It will be hard to change it. But west of the Mississippi a hundred cities are new and plastic. What image and superscription shall they have, Cæsar or Christ? It is for the Church to say—say it through her missionary agencies, and say it quickly.

Thursday 3

WE have churches among about thirty different nationalities in our country. Those among the Germans are the most numerous. But we have churches among the Bohemians and Poles in eleven States. The Italians in this country offer most promising opportunities for mission work. They respond very readily to the efforts of our missionaries. Our Italian churches are in five different States, and every one is in a healthy, growing condition. Many very attractive fields are open to us among the Scandinavians, a religious and frugal people whose ancestral faith is very nearly akin to our own. But instead of enlarging our usefulness among them, we have been compelled to deny many of their requests for the ministry of the word.

Friday 4

"WE cannnot shut our eyes to the fact that the foreign population, as a whole, is depressing our average intelligence and morality." JOSIAH STRONG.

Saturday 5

OUR missionaries are preaching in thirty different languages. At a recent mass meeting held in the city of Dallas in the interest of the American Bible Society and presided over by the Rev. Dr. W. B. Rankin, the Society's general agent, the Bible was read in fifteen different languages.

Sunday 6

Prayer for the "Stranger within our Gates."

"THOU shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to the needy in the land." Deut. xv: 11.

Monday 7

GO unto that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. Jonah iii: 2.

Tuesday 8

THE greatest danger of the nation to-day are the unchurched masses. In the large cities and in the new states this class is on the increase. In Washington there are whole counties with scarcely a Christian church, and many neighborhoods without even a Sabbath school. Children are brought up practically as ignorant of Christ as the natives of India. And yet these will soon be the men whose votes will help settle important moral questions. *Our Church News.*

Wednesday 9

HOME mission work for foreigners is not limited to those regions which have been added by conquest and by purchase to the original national domain. Foreigners have come to us from their native lands across the seas, by millions. They are in our great cities—in some of them outnumbering those whose ancestors came a few generations ago; they are serving in our kitchens; they are delving in our mines; they are grinding music along our streets. Some of them, not lacking in intelligence, industry and thrift, are doing business and acquiring wealth, social standing and political influence.

Thursday 10

"THOUGH the *outward* be rough and uncomely,
Yet *the beauty* lies *within:*
And the *Master* calls on *His children*
To help break the fetters of sin.

ANNA MONTAGUE.

Friday 11

WE owe it to our country to evangelize more promptly and thoroughly the multitude of foreigners who have come to our shores. If it be true that the gospel is the only means of salvation, the eternal destiny of these millions of our fellow-citizens rests with the Church to-day.

Saturday 12

WHEN the ear heard me, then it blessed me; when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me: because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. Job xxix: 11, 12.

Sunday 13

Prayer For the Immigrants.

MAY the women of our Presbyterian Church do all in their power for the education and evangelization of these neglected men, women and children.

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.

Monday 14

AT least 50,000 people of Presbyterian antecedents and preferences, chiefly Scotch and north of Ireland people, are in Boston and its suburbs. The same is true, proportionately, of every considerable manufacturing and commercial center in New England.

Tuesday 15

A KNOWLEDGE of our language would tend to scatter the foreigners among our own people and prevent the dangerous tendency at present manifest everywhere throughout the country to form exclusive communities. In all our cities and in many rural regions we find the "Little Germanies," "Little Italies," "Copenhagens," etc., where no English is spoken, and no semblance of American life is seen; where the children grow up as ignorant of our laws and institutions as if they were born and reared abroad. Hence it comes to pass that while the percentage of criminals among the foreign-born is not unreasonably large, the percentage of criminals among the children of foreign-born parents is alarmingly great. The parents were presumably reared under church influences. Their children are neglected.

Wednesday 16

THE extent to which we have neglected our foreign populations is appalling. 'In New England, we are informed by the best authority, fifty congregations of Scotch, Scotch-Irish and Scotch-Canadians might be gathered, of 1000 each, if we could provide the men and means. In New England and New York there are 500,000 French, among whom are many protestants, without the ordinary means of grace. In Chicago there are 200,000 Germans—a people whose religious convictions, where they have any, are near of kin to ours. Among this mighty multitude there are but two Presbyterian churches. There are 200,000 Scandinavians in Minnesota, and 50,000 in Wisconsin. Among all these we have but half a dozen churches. The whole Northwest is dotted with communities of foreigners.

Thursday 17

"NOT happiness apart from service, but the happiness of added service is God's reward to him who serves faithfully."

Friday 18

AS the principle of love is the main principle in the heart of the real Christian, so the labor of love is the main business of the Christian life. REV. JONATHAN EDWARDS, D.D.

Saturday 19

WHOSOEVER shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matthew xi:42.

Sunday 20

Prayer for City Missions and Missionaries.

ONE-FIFTH of the immigrants who land on our shores are under fifteen years of age. Half of them are under twenty-five. If we were prepared to furnish them Sabbath school and church privileges during their youth, one element of our present peril would be removed.

Monday 21

Chicago, Ill., Olivet, Penn and Veeder Streets, Miss Ruth Beyer, Principal.

AROUSE ye, Christian women now, upon whose brow is set,
The holy chrism of Christ s love and may ye ne'er forget
Thus consecrated are ye all, to do His holy will,
And in your heart and willing deeds. the law of love fulfill.
Ye are forever "set apart" from worldly aims and low;
For better things upon His own doth God in love bestow.
He calleth thee, the risen Lord, unto a service great,
And lifts anew all womenhood unto a high estate,
To be co-workers with the Lord, and in His blest employ
To find her highest duty, yea, her privilege and joy. E. V. HILL.

Tuesday 22

Miss Mary D. Foster, Assistant Principal.

O TEACH me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Wednesday 23

Miss Grace Coleman, Industrial Teacher.

O GOD of Love! give us calm pitying eyes,
And sweetest patience. Let us also see
The glory and the grace that underlies
Each human life, that waits a touch from Thee.

Thursday 24

Chicago, Ill., West Division Street School. Miss Julia E. Fox, Principal.

"INASMUCH as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew xxv:40.

"This pleasant fruit it shall be thine to lay
At thy Beloved's feet;
The ripening clusters growing day by day
More full and sweet;
Till as refined gold, in thee shall shine
His image no more dim,
Then shall the endless afterward be thine
Of rest *with Him!*"

Friday 25

Miss M. M. Fox, Assistant.

IT was through His growth and daily life in the humble carpenter's home at Nazareth that our Lord was brought into closest touch with human experience. He had His full share of the trials and temptations of life, and can fully sympathize with us in ours. Since He has toiled through life we need not make our journey alone.

Saturday 26

Chicago, Ill., West Superior Street School. Miss Jennie Williamson, Principal.

GO in glad obedience, in fullest confidence, without anxiety, to do a definite work. REV. J. HUDSON TAYLOR.

Sunday 27

God Grant that through His Grace the Foreigner may Become a Blessing and not a Menace to our Country.

THE Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. Zephaniah iii: 17.

Monday 28

THERE are two Italian churches located in the mining regions of Pennsylvania and also Italian missions both in St. Louis and San Francisco which are aided by the Board.

There is one French church in San Francisco and there are four French churches in Wisconsin under the care of the Board.

The Board has six Scandinavian churches in Minnesota and also a Scandinavian church in Florida, besides the work which is being done by the Scandinavians in Utah and Idaho in Mormon settlements.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions gathers, incidentally, many foreigners into its mission schools in Utah and New Mexico, and through the Woman's Presbyterial Society of Chicago sustains direct mission work for the children of foreigners.

Tuesday 29

SOME of the most illiterate and most unpromising-looking new-comers are willing to work, and anxious to have their children educated. No boys on our crowded East side are more studious, more eager to read history, to learn about government, and, in short, to have a part in it, than the children of these despised Russians, Poles and Huns. *The Evangelist.*

Wednesday 30

A RECENT collector of census statistics told our missionary that he had found in Raton, New Mexico, representatives not only from every State in the Union, but from every European nation, besides Chinese, Indians and Negroes.

In Douglass Island, Alaska, across the straits from Juneau, employed in the Treadmill mines, were found not only representatives from every European country, but also from Syria, Turkey, East India and the Sandwich Islands.

The influence of our Mission schools extends far beyond their immediate neighborhood; like lighthouses in the tempest of life they guide to the heavenly port far more than we register as saved.

Thursday 31

WE are at the door of the twentieth century. No prophet can forecast what millions will, during that century, crowd these shores. Shall they not be Christ's? And shall not the grand missionary history of our Church at home and abroad during the past century be far surpassed by the century to come.

September

Forecast and Rally

Friday 1

YE that are the Lord's remembrancers, take ye no rest, and give him no rest till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah lxii: 6, 7.

Saturday 2

THE past alone, though full of cheer, is never the measure of the future. Christ's kingdom broadens with the flowing years and is ever attempting new problems and greater tasks.

REV. JUDSON SMITH, D.D.

Sunday 3

Prayer for the Hastening of Christ's Kingdom upon Earth.

THE kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom, is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.
Daniel vii: 27.

Monday 4

GATHER the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children. Joel ii: 16.

Tuesday 5

THE question that confronts the Church to-day is not how to awaken an interest in missions, but how to get men profoundly interested in Christ. Nothing but living personal union with Him will make the Church missionary. Christ was the great missionary. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. *The Churchman.*

Wednesday 6

"THE fields are white to harvest," and we may enter in.
To fuller life in every soul we win from ways of sin,
The new commandment of Thy love, O Lord, write on our hearts,
That we may come to know the joy its blessedness imparts,
And learn—to give is to receive, to lose is but to find,
And sacrifice is sweetest gift, unto a willing mind.
And then how rich the promises and sure, on which we feed,
That strengthen faith, and quicken zeal, and meet our every need.
And may we better learn the truth, too little understood,
It is the Master whom we serve when doing others good.
E. V. HILL.

Thursday 7

LOOKING for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity.
Titus ii: 13, 14.

Friday 8

THESE two words, Care not, Fear not, are the soul and the marrow of all that was said by way of prelude to the first missionary enterprise, and we may add, to all which might follow. For here Jesus speaks to all ages and to all times, telling the Church in what spirit all her missionary enterprises must be undertaken and carried on that they may have His blessing. BRUCE.

Saturday 9

YOUR Father knoweth what things ye have need of.
Matthew vi: 8.

Sunday 10

Prayer for Increased Evidence of the Presence and Blessing of the Holy Spirit on all our Mission Fields.

"I HAVE chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit. That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you." John xv: 16.

Monday 11

"New Occasions Teach New Duties."

NOT for a generation at least have "new occasions" so loomed up before the American public as to-day. What new duties they shall teach it were premature to try to say. The occasions themselves have not yet emerged, but their shadows are on the horizon. *Church at Home and Abroad.*

Tuesday 12

AMERICAN Christianity is to be, as it has been in the past, only more sublimely the fruit of home missions, behind which is to be the Christian Church.

O Church beloved, seest thou not the handwriting of God and the vision of opportunity? Up, then, thou safeguard, thou bulwark of the nation! Be faithful to thy trust! *Church at Home and Abroad.*

Wednesday 13

EVANGELIZATION must be *personal* in this *method*, and *national* in its *scope* and *aim*. It must begin with the individual, securing his voluntary acceptance of the Gospel, but it must not be content with that. . . . Neither at home nor abroad does the responsibility of the church terminate with conversion.

Thursday 14

"PROVE me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. iii: 10.

Friday 15

THE Son-of man must be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him may not perish, but have eternal life. John iii; 14, 15.

Saturday 16

TO make Christ a living reality, a power in individual and in community life, is the work of the church. To make Christ supreme, to bring every part of our land under the influence of the gospel, ought to be the purpose of every disciple of our Lord. To this work, which is the end and object of home missions, the love of Christ impels. But love of country should also inspire an interest in home missions.

Sunday 17

Prayer for Uninterested Presbyterian Women.

"BECAUSE for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life to supply your lack of service towards me." Phil. ii:30.

Monday 18

WE expect to go forward. We purpose to cover this land in the coming year as never before with the luminous overshadowing of the gospel. We have received tremendous encouragement from national events. We have had a vision of the pillar of fire. We know that God is with us with a transcendent downpouring of infinite power. Our message to the Christians, to Presbyterians, is, "*Miss not the great blessing which is just before the Church and the nation.*"

Tuesday 19

ONCE to every man and nation come a moment to decide
In the strife of truth and falsehood,
For the good or evil side. LOWELL.

Wednesday 20

SELF is the only prison that can ever bind the soul;
Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll;
And when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast;
His way may lead through darkness, but it leads to light at last.
HENRY VAN DYKE.

Thursday 21

GOD'S gracious presence with the American Church is dependent on the execution of the commission, "Go ye into all the world." But if we neglect our own country, there will soon be no one to send. Here is our base of supplies. We must evangelize our own people. Our own nation must arise that it may shine, and we must exemplify the gospel in our own lives, if we expect to raise up consecrated Christian men and women to carry the gospel to other lands.

Friday 22

GOD'S plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
MAY RILEY SMITH.

Saturday 23

JESUS has redeemed the world and gone to heaven, leaving us to evangelize it. Redemption is His, evangelization ours. The *work* was His; He has put the *word* into our lips. He has redeemed the world, and two-thirds of humanity do not know that they have been redeemed, because they have not been told.

Sunday 24

Prayer for more Entire Consecration of the Church in all its Members to the Great Work of Home Missions.

GRANT Thy servants, O Lord, to be set on fire with Thy Spirit, strengthened with Thy power, illuminated by Thy splendor, filled with Thy grace, and to go forward by Thine aid. Amen.

Monday 25

"CHRIST for the World! The World for Christ!"
Be this our rallying cry!
Forth to the contest heart and soul,
For Christ to live or die!
Wherever poor humanity
Is lost in sin and shame,
Go, fired with holy zeal and love,
And work in Christ's dear name!

ELIZABETH FLINT MERRILL.

Tuesday 26

LET us keep at the fore. Let Bible religion go wherever a village is built, or a farmhouse relieves the monotony of the plain, and claim the land, the whole land, for Christ and righteousness and truth. As we love our country, our freedom, and our noble institutions, our children, and the race of which we are a part, let us give to the Board of Home Missions our money, our prayers and ourselves. In our last will and testament let us remember the cause of Christ—the interests dear to the heart of our best, our Heavenly Friend, and strive to lay America—the world—at His feet. Soldiers of King Immanuel, *March on!* DR. SAMPLE.

Wednesday 27

"BEGINNING at Jerusalem;" such was our Lord's direction to the Apostles at the outset of the great work. This is the central law of missions, for all time. We must keep the home work well in hand, and uplifted above all chance of failure, or we cannot get the power to impart truth to the heathen mind.

Thursday 28

"IT is my deep conviction, and I say it again and again, that if the Church of Christ were what she ought to be, twenty years would not pass away till the story of the cross would be uttered in the ears of every living man."—*Dying words of the missionary veteran Dr. S. C. Calhoun.*

Friday 29

GREAT crises crowd on each other. History sweeps by in great tides. By way of Leyden and Scrooby, Plymouth Rock and the Golden Gates, through the waiting isles to the kingdoms that sit in the shadow of death, we have girded the world. The color-bearers of the King have planted his standards round the globe. The battle is set. God is speaking! Men! stand at your posts! Rally, soldiers of the cross! all along the line—*Forward!*

Saturday 30

"FORWARD! let this be our motto
Henceforth; we will win the day.
Upward! Christ has gone before us,
Evermore to light our way.

"Forward! ever be our watchword;
Let it ring the wide world o'er,
Till He comes, our glorious Leader—
Comes to reign forevermore."

HERE, then, is a work for the Great Christian Church of America, in all its various branches and denominations. In view of the systematic deception which is everywhere being practiced by the Mormon church through its missionaries and its political and newspaper allies, it behooves us to arouse ourselves and protect the masses of the people from such deception. Surely the Christ-Spirit which abides in every true Christian will not permit us to stop at any sacrifice which may be necessary for us to make in order to honor our Divine Master and save those who are being led astray by false teachers. If men who are intelligent enough to run newspapers, or to sit in our halls of legislation, are being misled by the deceitful Mormon missionary, we need not wonder that many plainer people are being led into Mormonism. Let us remember that Christ Himself warns us against such things when He says: "False prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." We should therefore be on our guard, and remember that we are our brother's keeper.

WM. R. CAMPBELL.

Sunday 1

American Fork, Utah—Miss Fannie Taylor, Teacher.

THE Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul: and thou shalt be like a watered garden. Isaiah lviii:11.

Monday 2

Benjamin, Utah.—Miss Nettie J. Gray, Teacher.

MISSION work is not preaching grand sermons, or witnessing marvelous baptisms; it is a patient Christlike life day by day, far from external help, far from those we love; a quiet sowing of tiny seeds which may take long years to show above the ground. REV. J. HUDSON TAYLOR.

Tuesday 3

Brigham City, Utah (Camp Mission School).—Mrs. C. E. Sullivan and Miss C. B. Sullivan, Teachers.

PREACHING the kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence. Acts xxviii:31.

Wednesday 4

Ephraim, Utah.—Miss Ada B. Fitts, Teacher.

IF self be sacrificed to make room for the incoming of the superior life of Christ, the life will gradually lose its own inferior characteristics and take on those of the Master.

Thursday 5

Gunnison, Utah.—Mrs. M. M. Green and Miss Alice Green, Teachers.

HE giveth the power to the faint; and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength. Isaiah xl:29.

Friday 6

Fairview, Utah.—Miss Sadie McClure and Miss Anne Thorson, Teachers.

THE commonest day may be made immortal to us and to others by fidelity to every passing moment.

The Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth convenant and mercy with them that love him. Deut. vii:9.

Saturday 7

Hyrum, Utah.—Miss H. R. McCracken, Teacher.

TO give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God. Luke ii:77.

UTAH is the storm center of home missions. Here are indeed the common conditions and evils which admonish patriots and Christians; but here, too, are the headquarters of Mormonism, with a preponderance of 118,000 of their organization to 5,000 in all evangelical Churches. Utah, with the body of its people honest and industrious, is controlled by a religion hostile to the doctrines in which our free institutions are founded. It is a Mormon State, one of the "forty-five," with all that Statehood implies, the character of whose influence is suggested by the proposition to place the statue of Brigham Young in the old hall of the House of Representatives at the national capital beside that of Washington, Lincoln and Grant as an example for American youth.

Sunday 8

Kaysville, Utah—Miss Leva T. Granger, Teacher.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth. Psalm cxxii: 1; Romans i: 16.

Monday 9

Logan, Utah, New Jersey Academy—Miss Florence J. Foster, Superintendent.

THE weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.
2 Corinthians x: 4.

Tuesday 10

Logan—Miss Hannah Jensen and Miss Lottie Leonard, Teachers.

THEY that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Daniel xii: 3.

Wednesday 11

Logan—Miss M. McNeil, Matron; Miss M. E. Pomeroy and Miss C. B. McCutcheon, Teachers.

HE that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. Isaiah xlix: 10.

How many souls—His loved ones—
Dwell lonely and apart,
Hiding from all but One above
The fragrance of their heart.—ADELAIDE PROCTOR.

Thursday 12

Manti, Utah—Miss Sarah Sutherland, Teacher.

I WILL follow thee, my Master,
Proving now thy woundrous power,
Thou in me my strength and wisdom,
Guiding, guarding hour by hour;
Thou hast given a perfect pardon,
Blood to wash all sin away,
Grace to save and power to keep me—
Live thy life in me each day.
Gal. ii: 20; 1 Cor. i: 30.

Friday 13

Mendon, Utah—Miss M. H. McCullough, Teacher.

BY thine own soul's law, learn to live:
And if men thwart thee, take no heed;
And if men hate thee, have no care—
Sing thou thy song, and do thy deed;
Hope thou thy hope, and pray thy prayer;
And claim no crown they will not give.
JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Saturday 14

Monroe, Utah—Miss M. Beekman, Teacher.

HE healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
Psalm cxlvii: 3.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy xxxiii: 27.

"THE Mormon Church is sending missionaries into all the States in the Union and into Canada. The number of these missionaries is estimated to be not less than 2000, and probably more. They deny and misrepresent their doctrines as taught in Utah. They claim to be a Christian denomination, doing the same work that the Christian churches are doing, only doing it better.

"They distribute their printed creed, which is utterly misleading and gives no true information concerning their doctrines. They deny the existence of polygamy, while they still teach the doctrine and practice polygamy here in Utah. They worship Adam as God. They are polytheists."

Sunday 15

Mount Pleasant, Utah, Wasatch Academy.—Mr. G. H. Marshall, Superintendent.

THIS is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who would have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy ii:3, 4.

Monday 16

Mount Pleasant.—Mrs. S. L. Reed, Matron, Miss Ella C. Herron, Teacher.

YE are not your own, for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's. 1 Corinthians vi:19, 20.

Tuesday 17

Mount Pleasant.—Miss Maude Harrold and Miss Mary H. Hemenway, Teachers.

TAKE up the nearest cross and trust always.
Thou knowest not the trial which shall be
Thy soul's great joy through all eternity.
Thou only knowest that He bids thee raise
The nearest cross, as he adds day to days.

ERVILLA GOODRICH TUTTLE.

Wednesday 18

Parowan, Utah.—Miss L. S. McMonigal and Miss Josie Curtis, Teachers.

A HOLY life has a voice; it speaks when the tongue is silent, and is either a constant attraction, or a perpetual reproof. The secret of being loved is in being lovely; and the secret of being lovely is being unselfish.

Thursday 19

Nephi, Utah.—Miss Rachel Irwin, Teacher. Pleasant Grove, Utah.—Miss Florence Taylor, Teacher.

WHEREFORE take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all, to stand.

Friday 20

Salina, Utah.—Miss Belle Walker and Miss Jennie T. Buchanan, Teachers.

O *TEACH me, Lord*, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Saturday 21

Payson, Utah.—Miss Anna M. Speakman and Miss Mary Jensen, Teachers.

HE hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Hebrews xiii:5, 6.

DAVID said, "I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree." That is a good description of Mormonism to-day. Not only have they been sending out their young men by the hundreds and by the thousands, but now they are beginning to send out their young women. Quite recently they have appointed three young lady missionaries. Two have gone to labor in England and one to the Southern Conference. These are the first lady missionaries appointed by the Mormon Church. The Mormon Church is thus proving itself active, vigorous and aggressive.

Sunday 22

Salt Lake Collegiate Institute Salt Lake City, Utah — Mr. Robert J. Caskey, Principal.

"SEE that thou make all things after the pattern shown to thee;" but consider Him before whose eyes was manifest the end and the victory and the glory, who yet, while He was the Master of all, said to Himself: "I am among you as one that serveth."

Monday 23

Salt Lake Collegiate Institute.—Miss Grace S. Zorbaugh, Miss Mabel S. Morgan, Miss Anna M. Furry, Teachers.

THE Gospel is a threefold message—of forgiveness through our Lord, of personal holiness through the renewing and ever gracious help of the Spirit, of blessedness amid all earthly changes, for those who love and serve God. Forgiveness, holiness, blessedness! What more can we need! REV. JOSEPH ANGUS, D.D.

Tuesday 24

Salt Lake Collegiate Institute.—Miss Anna E. Murphy and Miss Kate S. Sm th, Matrons.

"THE measure of our obedience is the true measure of our love to Christ."

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah vi : 9.

Wednesday 25

Richfield, Utah.—Miss Mary A. Pierson, Teacher.
Smithfield. Utah.—Miss Etta Moore, Teacher.

I HAVE loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Jer. xxxi : 3.

Thursday 26

Springville, Utah, Hungerford Academy.—Mr. I. N. Smith, Principal, Mrs. I. N. Smith, Matron.

WE are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. v : 20.

I, the Lord, have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee. Isaiah xlii: 6.

Friday 27

Springville, Utah.—Miss Nellie M. Taylor, Miss Mary L. Linn, Mrs. Adelia Todd, Teachers.

LOOK from Thy sphere of endless day,
O God of mercy and of might!
In pity look on those who stray
Benighted in this land of light.

—BRYANT.

Saturday 28

St. George, Utah.—Rev. G. M. Hardy, Missionary. Mrs. G. M. Hardy, Teacher.

STAND therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil *one*. Eph. vi: 15, 16.

Sunday 29

Malad City, Idaho—Miss Irene Griffith and Miss Blenda Johnson, Teachers.

THAT ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory. 1 Thes. ii:12.

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke ii:79.

Monday 30

Wellsville, Utah—Miss Sadie L. Melling, Teacher.

IF thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love,
Builds on the rock that cannot move. NEUMARK.

Tuesday 31

Samaria, Idaho—Miss Anna Noble, Teacher.
Paris, Idaho.—Miss Mattie White, Teacher.

NO disciple of Christ need go far to find feet that need washing, feet that are stained or bleeding with the hard ways that have been trodden. To recover men from the difficulties into which sin or misfortune has brought them—to wipe off some of the soil from men's lives—to make them purer, sweeter, readier to listen to Christ, even unostentatiously to do the small services which each hour calls for—is to follow Him who girt Himself with the slave's apron. As often as we thus condescend we become like Christ. DODS.

November The Mexicans

Wednesday 1

THE Mexicans constitute eighty per cent. of the population of New Mexico, and are numerous in Southern Colorado, Arizona, Texas and Southern California. Though they have dwelt for more than three centuries within our boundaries, they are less American to-day than the aborigines. Next to the Mormons they are the most nearly Oriental. They are alien in their ideas of citizenship, Roman in their religion, crude in their manner of life and void of aspiration toward anything high and worthy. With such resources as they found, of soil and forest and mineral mountains, they might have reared a wealthy and powerful State, but their energies were paralyzed and their enterprise restrained by the corrupt priests and lifeless religion which dominated their communities.

Thursday 2

San Juan Antonito P. O., Colorado.—Miss Mollie Clements, Teacher.

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.
Numbers vi:24, 26.

Friday 3

Alamosa Canon, Colorado.—Miss Petra Gomez (Native) Teacher.

ONLY fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great thing he hath done for you. 1 Sam. xii:24

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake. Phil. i:29.

Saturday 4

Ignacio, Colorado—Rev. Antonio J. Rodriguez (Native), Evangelist.

TO follow Christ is something other than to imitate him. We are not yet wise enough for that. It is to submit to be led by him. It is a question of the will, not of the imitative powers.

"WE have no desire to be intolerant with the religious rights of the Roman Catholic Church. It is the religious intrusion of that church into our public affairs that we do and must continue to oppose."

The true genius of a church can best be determined by the results of its life and work in regions where it has had exclusive sway. What have they actually accomplished? They have never built a city nor erected a factory, nor laid a mile of railroad, nor founded an institution of learning, nor organized a bank, nor established a state, nor evolved a single principle of liberal civil government, nor elevated a single tribe of Indians out of their blankets and wigwams into civilization and citizenship. The dense ignorance and spiritless indolence of their people in a climate invigorating to mind and body are criminal. The cruel and indecent rites of the Penitentes result in crime that should be punished as murder. Their obstructive opposition to the infusion of intelligent American elements with ideas of material enterprise, of religious freedom, of social purity and domestic happiness, reveals the genus of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sunday 5

Albuquerque, New Mexico (Our only Boarding School for Mexican boys).—Mr. J. C. Ross, Superintendent; Mrs. J. C. Ross, Matron.

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things.
Is. xxv: 1.

Monday 6

Albuquerque.—Miss A. D. McNair and Miss H. E Elliott, Teachers.

THE God of all looks down from His high heaven,
And sees the hearts that here with anguish bleed,
As His own flock are counted by His rod.
He promised, as thy day shall strength be given,
But never given till the day of need.
And need and hour are known unto thy God.

Tuesday 7

Albuquerque.—Miss Maggie O. Wyllie and Miss June Morrow.

THE life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
Gal. ii: 20.

Wednesday 8

Arroyo Seco, New Mexico.—Mr. Jacob Mondragon (Native), Teacher.

THIS is Christianity; to live in Christ, and to live to Christ; to live in Him by faith, to live to Him by holiness.

Thursday 9

Canon Bonito (Hall's Peak P. O.), N. M.—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hall.

THEREFORE I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Micah, vii: 7.

Friday 10

Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico.—Mr. Jose Adonais Vigil (Native), Teacher.

GO thou and read the words of the Lord in the midst of the people, it may be they will present their supplications before the Lord, and will return everyone from his evil way.
Jer. xxxvi: 6, 7.

Saturday 11

San Pablo, Colorado.—Mrs. L. H. Thompson (?). Teacher.

LORD, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

THE forces of civilization have been actively at work but a little more than a score of years in this region. One of the earliest of these forces was the Protestant missionary. The missionary teacher was the forerunner of those aggressive agencies which have awakened the people, and made known to the outer world the advantages of climate and the wealth of soil and mineral deposit in that long neglected country.

Sunday 12

Santa Fe, New Mexico (Boarding School for Mexican girls)—Miss M. L. Allison Superintendent.

THERE are many kinds of love, and many kinds of light,
And every kind of love makes a glory in the night.
There is love that stirs the heart, and love that gives it rest,
But the love that leads life upward is the noblest and the best.
HENRY VAN DYKE.

Monday 13

Santa Fe.—Miss L. P. Moore and Miss Ellen Moore, Teachers.

"READY to hear Thy Spirit's y- arning voice,
Ready to follow at my Lord's command,
Ready to hear Thy chastening or rejoice
In mercy's gifts, ready to march or stand.
Whate'er Thy will, where'er Thy pleasure lead,
My constant readiness I humbly plead."

Tuesday 14

Santa Fe.—Miss A. Brengle, Matron. Mrs. L. F. Jones, Sewing Teacher

"NO drop but serves the slowly lifting tide,
No dew but has an errand to some flower,
No smallest star but sheds some helpful ray.
And man by man, each giving to all the rest,
Makes the firm bulwark of the Christian's power.
There is no better way."

Wednesday 15

Santa Fe.—Miss Lydia A. Hays, Speaker.

THOSE will do most for God in public who are most with Him in private.
Cast thy burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.
Psalms lv : 22.

Thursday 16

Santa Fe.—Miss M. A. Morrow, Laundress. Miss Emma Brown, Cooking Teacher.

IT was when Jesus had "fulfilled all righteousness" by being baptized that the heavens were opened above Him and the holy Dove descended on Him. The path of duty is the royal road to divine favor. "To obey is better than sacrifice."

Friday 17

Las Cruces New Mexico.—Mrs. C. R. Donnelly, Mrs. M. and Miss J. Donnelly, Teachers.

CHRIST'S prayer for His disciples (Jo. xvii : 11-19) shows how He regarded them and their work. Those who in spirit and labor represent Him in the world are united to Him in the closest bonds of love.

Saturday 18

La Costilla (Costilla P. O.), New Mexico.—Miss Anna Melton, Teacher.

I WILL say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Psalms xci : 2.

THE testimony of those who know, men in prominent positions in this territory, some of whom are not our friends, is that we are doing more by our mission schools for the enlightenment of the Mexicans than is being accomplished by all other means combined.

Sunday 19

Taos, El Prado—Miss E. W. Craig and Miss Lucy Craig, Teachers.

'TIS thy matchless love that tells me
Thou hast planned this life for me;
With thy loving arms about me
I am resting, Lord in thee;
Tenderly thy spirit fills me;
In the hush I hear thy voice,
Oh what joy, what rapture thrills me—
In thyself I now rejoice. John xiv: 21.

Monday 20

Taos, New Mexico—Miss Rebecca Rowland, Teacher.

THOU hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress; a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Isaiah xxv: 4.

Tuesday 21

Taos, El Ranche—Miss Alice Hyson, Teacher.

THE easy path in the lowland hath little of grand or new,
But a toilsome ascent leads on to a wide and glorious view;
Peopled and warm is the valley, lonely and chill the height,
But the peak that is nearer the storm-cloud is nearer the stars of light.

FRANCIS RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

Mr. J. J. Vigil, Teacher.

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God. Luke ii: 77.

Wednesday 22

El Rito (Chacon P. O.)—Mrs. Kate M. Sleight, Teacher.

I, SAITH the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. Zechariah ii: 5.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." Isaiah xxvi: 3.

Thursday 23

Chaperito, New Mexico, Francis Bray Mission—Miss Alice A. Blake.

THE Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua i: 9.

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and he will strengthen thine heart. Psalm xxvii: 14.

Friday 24

Embudo (Rinconado P. O.)—Miss Kate Kennedy, Teacher.

I WILL follow on to know thee,
Claiming all thou dost unfold,
Taking gladly that thou givest,
Lacking all thou dost withhold;
Ceasing now to doubt and struggle,
Trusting thee whate'er betide,
Loving, list'ning, then obeying,
Thou wilt keep me by thy side. Hosea vi: 3.

Saturday 25

Paajrito, New Mexico—Miss Kate Scott, Teacher.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm xci: 1.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Psalm xci: 2.

ROMANISM in Protestant communities is not the same as Romanism in exclusive sway. The Catholic Church in New Mexico differs from the Catholic Church in New York as much as a lion in the jungles differs from a lion in Barnum's Museum.

Sunday 26

Las Vegas, New Mexico—Mrs. Effie M. Bryce, Teacher.
Los Lentes, Los Lunas P. O.—Miss Maggie Fleming, Teacher.

O *LEAD me Lord*, that I may lead,
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me Lord, that I may feed,
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

As faith moves forward in the path of obedience, it is rewarded with new manifestations of God.

Monday 27

Penasco, New Mexico—Miss Sue M. Zuver, Teacher.

WE glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. Romans v: 3, 4.

Tuesday 28

Las Placitas, (Bernalillo P. O.)—Miss Carrie E. Fenton, Teacher.

NO offering of my own I have,
Nor works my faith to prove
I can but give the gifts He gave
And plead His love for love.—J. G. WHITTIER.

Wednesday 29

Raton, New Mexico—Miss Bessie Menaul, Teacher.

TO give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke ii: 79.

Thursday 30

Los Angeles, Cal., Boarding School for Mexican Girls—Miss Minnie Cameron, Miss Jessie G. Cameron, Miss Helen Harris.

THOU wilt lead me on to know Thee,
In Thy mercies rich and rare;
Loving kindness Thou wilt show me,
Righteousness, so pure and fair;
Heart and life and will I give Thee,
Joined with Thee in sweet accord,
In Thy faithfulness I'm resting,
Jesus, my beloved Lord! Hosea ii: 19. 20.

December

The Mountaineers

Friday 1

Allanstand, (Stockhouse P. O.), N. C.—Miss F.L. Goodrich, Principal; Miss Della Merchant, Teacher.

MY sheep wandered through the mountains and upon every high hill. . . . I will seek that which was lost and bring again that which was driven away, and shall bind up that which was broken. . . . I will save my flock and they shall no more be a pray. Ezekiel xxxiv: 6, 16, 22.

Saturday 2

Brittains Cove, (Weaverville P. O.), N. C.—Miss Eva Gorbold and Miss Charlotte J. Crump, Teachers.

THEY shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. Isaiah lxi: 4.

THIS mountain region embraces a section of country 500 by 200 miles, beginning in Virginia and reaching into Alabama, and contains over 2,000,000 people. It is well to bear in mind that these mountaineers are very much like ourselves, only less contaminated by alien blood and doctrines. They have in them the blood that makes ideal Americans, a strong percentage of Scotch-Irish, a fair measure of German and English with a smaller portion of Dutch, Swiss and French Huguenot.

Sunday 3

Asheville, N. C., Normal and Collegiate—Rev. Thomas Lawrence, D. D., President. Mrs. Thomas Lawrence, Principal.

AS a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark days. Ezekiel xxxiv: 12.

Miss Mary L. Mattoon, Associate Principal.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Psalms xxxv: 1.

Monday 4

Miss Mabel K. Dixon, Miss Ida McBurney, Miss Edith Waltz, Miss M. E. Harper, Miss Alice M. Wightman, Teachers.

O WHAT a glory doth this world put on
For Him who with a fervent heart goes forth,
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks
On duties well-performed and days well spent.
LONGFELLOW.

Miss Maud M. Morgan and Miss Isabel K. Hubbard, Music Teachers.

Tuesday 5

HE chose this path for thee,
What need'st thou more? This sweeter truth to know,
That all along these strange bewildering ways,
O'er rocky steeps, and where dark rivers flow,
His loving arms will bear thee "all the days."
A few more steps, and thou thyself shall see
This path is best for thee.

Wednesday 6

Miss Elizabeth Gist, Matron.
Miss Lydia J. Mechling, Assistant Matron.

HIS compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. Lam. iii: 22, 24.

Thursday 7

Miss Kate J. Mechling, Miss Ella Hubbard, Miss Ella M. Bickerstaffe.

"JESUS saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to accomplish His work."

Friday 8

Concord, N. C., Laura Sunderland Memorial School.—Miss Melissa Montgomery and Miss Alice N. Bryan.

"ACTS prompted by the love of Christ are sure to leave a fragrance in the soul as of the costliest incense."

Saturday 9

Miss Dorothy P. Hervey and Miss Florence E. Stoner, Teachers. Miss Ada Welch, Sewing Teacher.

"Touch other lives; reach out the hand
To lift the fallen, help them stand;
Put selfish joy and ease aside,
To save the souls for whom Christ died."

Sunday 10

Concord, N. C., Pattersons' Mills.—Miss E. P. Mayers, Miss Lulu Fox, Miss Jennie M. Gourley, Teachers.

PREACHING the kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence. Acts xxviii: 31.

Concord, N. C., Parker Hall.—Mrs. Anna Ferguson, Teacher.

The great avenue to spiritual knowledge is paved with willingness to serve God.

Monday 11

Asheville Home Industrial School, N. C.—Miss Florence Stephenson, and Miss Isadora Heydenburk.

I ASK not that my course be calm and still;
No, here too, Lord, be done Thy holy will;
I ask but for a quiet child-like heart;
Though thronging cares and restless toil be mine,
May my heart remain forever Thine,
Draw it from earth, and fix it where Thou art.
C. J. P. SPITTA.

Tuesday 12

Miss Mary Johns, Miss Sarah Johnson, Miss Fannie L. Allison, Mrs. Ida L. Williams, Miss Anna E. Coe, Teachers; Miss Ruth Dean, Sewing Teacher.

BUT one bright peak still rises far above,
And there the Master stands whose name is Love,
Saying to those whom weary tasks employ;
"Life is divine when Duty is a Joy." HENRY VAN DYKE.

Wednesday 13

Hot Springs, N. C., Dorland Institute. Miss Julia E. Phillips and Miss C. E. Pond.

YET a little while, and the time of harvest shall come. Jeremiah li: 33.

Thursday 14

Rev. F. A. McGaw, Missionary.
Miss Lida Pomeroy, Miss D. Pomeroy, Miss Elizabeth Stewart.

§ 447. Christ's mottoes for Christian workers: wisdom and caution (Mt. xii: 16), humility (Mt. xii: 24), courage (Mt. xii: 26), faith (Mt. xii: 29, 30.)

Miss Amelia Phillips, Sewing Teacher, Miss Anna M. Watson, Music Teacher.

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. Zephaniah iii: 17.

Friday 15

Jupiter, N. C.—Miss Ora Gates and Miss Minnie R. Bradshaw.
Marshall, N. C.—Mr. L. B. Parker and Miss Grace Street, Teachers.

THE Lord will give grace and glory, no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psalm lxxxiv: 11.

Saturday 16

Paint Rock, N. C.—Miss Harriet C. Dailey and Miss Julia Orton, Teachers.

GOD is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Cor. i: 9.

Riceville, N. C.—Miss Ollie Hendricks, Teacher.

O FILL me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow,
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

Sunday 17

Asheville Farm School, (Denmark P. O.), N. C.—Mr. Samuel Jeffrey, Superintendent; Mrs. Samuel Jeffrey, Matron.

THOU shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people; to give light to those that sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke i:76, 77, 79.

Monday 18

Rev. Frank M. Fox, Missionary.

BEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; I have put my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. Isa. xlii:1.

Miss Anna M. Jeffrey and Miss Anna McArthur, Assistant Matrons.

The highest rank with Christ is the fullest, truest serving. When we have learned this lesson we are prepared to be a blessing to every life that touches ours.

Tuesday 19

Mr. H. C. Postlewaite, Principal; Mr. J. H. Newman, Teacher.

BLESSED is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out her roots by the river.
Jeremiah xvii:7, 8.

Miss Elizabeth Williams and Miss Winifred Williamson, Teachers.

JUST to let thy Father do
What he will;
Just to know that he is true
And be still;
Just to follow hour by hour,
As he leadeth;
Just to draw the moment's power,
As it needeth;
Just to trust him, this is all!
Then the day will surely be
Peaceful, whatsoe'er befall,
Bright and blessed, calm and free.

Wednesday 20

Mr. C. E. Carpenter, Mr. H. H. McCampbell and Mr. Nelson Williams, Industrial Teachers.

THE spirit of missions is the spirit of sympathy, of self-denial and of service, which is only another way of saying that it is the Spirit of Christ. To be chosen into the service of Christ is the highest honor that can be confirmed on men.

Thursday 21

Valdese, N. C.—Miss Mary Knox, Teacher.

BUILT upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone. Ephesians ii:20.

Friday 22

Barnard, N. C.—Miss Hannah Atkinson, Teacher.

Measure thy life by loss instead of gain;
Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth;
For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice:
And whoso suffers most has most to give.—H. E. H. KING.

Walnut Springs, (Marshall P. O.), N. C.—Mrs. Anna H. Logan, Matron; Miss Helen M Cougle, Missionary; Miss Mabel Moore and Miss Josephine E. Brown, Teachers.

Saturday 23

PRECIOUS Saviour, let me tell it,
As I praise thy holy name;
Tell of all thy loving favor,
Of thyself—always the same.
And thy grace, a mighty ocean,
Deep and fathomless and free,
Every wave with peace is freighted,
Love divine! It is for me! Song of Sol. v:1.

Sunday 24

Elizabethton, Tenn.—Rev. J. J. Loux, Teacher.

HAVE not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage. Joshua i:9.

The Lord stood with me, and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear. 2 Tim. iv:17.

Monday 25

Erwin, Tenn.—Miss Lelia Coleman and Miss Almetta Harris, Teachers.

FOR unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Is. ix:6.

Amen! It is so. Ring out the bells of heaven; sing forth the Angelic welcome of worship; carry it to the utmost bounds of earth! Shine forth from Bethany, Thou Son of Righteousness, and chase away earth's mist and darkness, for heaven's golden day has broken. *Edersheim.*

Tuesday 26

Grassy Cove, Tenn.—Miss L. Anna Bradshaw, Teacher.

THAT thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness Shew yourselves. For He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them. Isaiah xlix:9, 10.

Kismet, (Lancing P. O.), Tenn.—Miss M. L. Remington, Teacher.

"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. John vii:37.

Wednesday 27

Vardy, Tenn.—Miss Anna B. Miller and Miss Maggie Axtell, Missionaries.

OH! Father, give us hearts of tender longing,
Swift eager hearts that will not brook delay,
To gather in the little ones for that fair dawning,
Of blessed endless day.

Thursday 28

Wyoma, West Va.—Miss B. A. R. Stocker.

Lawson, West Va.—Miss Martha P. Spencer, Missionary.

THE Lord will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed. Deuteronomy xxxi:8.

Acme, West Va.—Miss Daisy Weaver, Missionary.

I can do all things through Christ strengthening me. Philippians iv:13.

Friday 29

Clear Creek, West Va.—Miss E. J. Partridge and Miss Katharin M. Doan, Missionaries.

SCATTER the seed and fear not,
A table will be spread;
What matter if you are too weary
To eat your hard earned bread!
Sow while the earth is broken,
For the hungry must be fed.

Saturday 30

Jarrolds Valley, West Va.—Miss Emma A. Jackson and Miss Minnie B. Newcomb, Missionaries.

WHEN the poor and needy seek water, and there is none and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them. I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry lands springs of water. Isaiah xli:17, 18.

Sunday 31

Harlan, Kentucky.—Rev. Wm. C. Clemens, Missionary.

I THANK him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus, our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to *His* service. 1 Timothy i:12.

Miss O. M. Reed, Miss E. M. McCartney, Miss Bryson, Teachers.

Build to day then strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place. H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Miss D. B. Osborne, Teacher. (Retired for a year.)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. Psalms xxiii:1, 2.

Crockettsville, Ky.—Miss M. J. Cort, Missionary and Bible Reader.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Psalms xvii:5.

Hindman, Ky.—Miss Sophie Crawford, Missionary and Bible Reader.

I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest. Genesis xxviii:15.

Hyden, Ky.—Rev. J. M. Walton, Missionary; Miss E. Bradshaw, Teacher.

Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. John xv:14.

Pikeville, Ky.—Rev. T. Cornelison, Missionary.

We may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Hebrews xiii:6.

What can be Done for these People of the Southland?

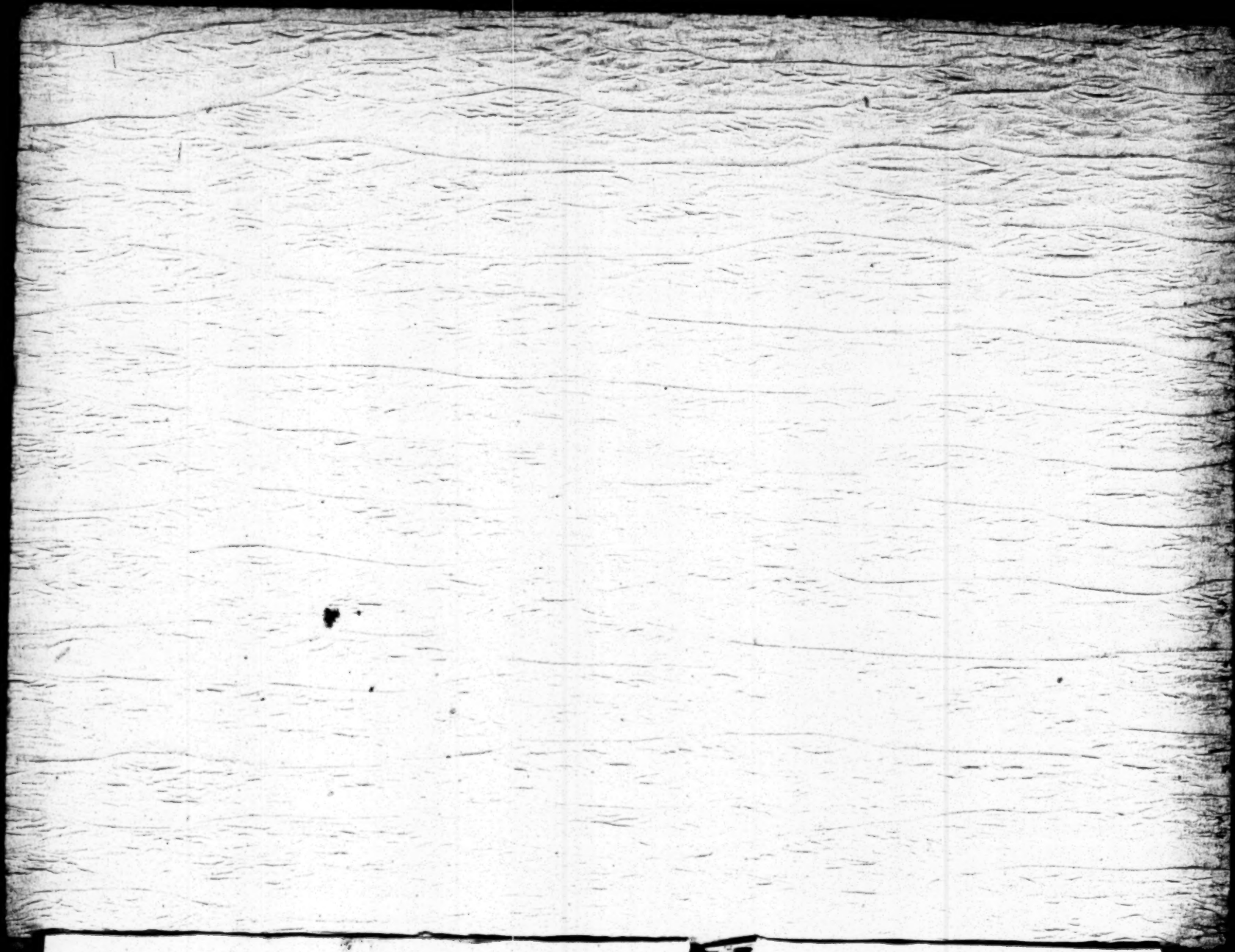
We hold in our own hands the answer to the problem. The children must be brought up differently from their parents. Education and practical religion must be gotten to the masses.

I am sure, if this is done, we are not too sanguine when we say, a better day will dawn for the South and, when the present generation pass from the stage, a more temperate, humane and Christianized people will come upon the scene of action.

We can almost hear the bells ring in unreared steeples and hear the songs from choirs that are as yet totally oblivious to the spirit of melody, and enter into the *heart* worship of the prayer-meetings that *are to be*, when shall have been fulfilled the prophecy that "light is sprung up to the people which sat in darkness and the shadow of death."

SO shall we best "use and enjoy and deepen our faith by sharing it with others. The brighest and bravest and strongest and most blessed souls are those who feel their religion a trust, their faith a profession before many witnesses, their warfare not only fighting for themselves, but contending for their Master, their crown, when it comes to them from the King's hand, sparkling beyond the brightness of the firmament with the precious salvation of a brother's soul."

BUT ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord *be* glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. Amen.

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